

Trinity Tidings

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November 2018

Cross+Gen Event “The Giving Tree”

Monthly Cross+Gen events are an opportunity to get to know one another better across the generations. We begin with two chairs where we invite the oldest and the youngest to sit in a place of honor. This is a way of highlighting the generations and acknowledging **that you’re never too old and never too young to add value to Christ’s Body.**

As I walked around the Fellowship Hall where there were nine tables, each with at least eight people of different generations seated together, I heard a lot of laughter, I heard some meaningful tears, and I saw caring relationships forming before my eyes. At each table we follow a simple format: SHARE, READ, TALK, PRAY, BLESS. We SHARE “**Highs & Lows,**” we READ the theme verse from the Bible, we TALK to one another while working on a hands-on

activity that supports the theme from worship, we PRAY, and then BLESS one **another. It’s a simple format**

(The Faith 5 developed by Dr. Rich Melheim) and could also be used at home as a nightly ritual. And, it allows us to get to

know each other in this intentional, cross+generational small group setting.

A mom shared with me that on the way home from October’s **Cross+Gen Event that her daughter couldn’t stop talking.** All 20 minutes in the car were filled up by her excitement about the time she had spent with her new friends around the table which included peers as well as adults of varying ages. Interestingly enough, a father shared almost the exact same story with me.

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Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Worship Service

All community members are welcome to attend a Community Thanksgiving Worship Service.
Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2018
Time: 7:00 PM
Place: St. Augustine's Episcopal Church



Please bring a donation of canned or dry goods or monetary donation for the food pantry.

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Christmas Bazaar

Trinity Lutheran Church
235 N. Stevens Street

Saturday, November 10
10AM-2PM



Help is always needed at our Christmas Bazaar. Check out the IOC table for ways to help and sign up. Pies and baked goods may be dropped off at the church office on Friday, November 9.

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These parents were excited that their children were experiencing warmth, acceptance, encouragement and blessing from caring adults in our congregation. And for one grandma who got to hold a baby for a few minutes, her face lit up in pure delight while those around her waited for their turn. Can babies give? Absolutely!

There is something Spirit-filled about bringing together the wisdom of the elder and the wonder of the child. Its no wonder that God designed his Church to include all ages.

Our mission is to help people of ALL AGES become active and engaged followers of Christ. These monthly events are designed specifically to carry out our mission and to help form "faith webs" for our children as well as our entire community of faith.

Our next Cross+Gen Event will be on November 14th at 5:30. We always start with worship and then make our way into the Fellowship Hall for a continuation of the theme and an interactive time with all the generations.

Pastor Kari

Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

The church office will be closed Thursday, November 22, and Friday, November 23.



The ladies have been busy preparing our annual favorite treat — lefse! Be sure to arrive at the Christmas Bazaar early because the delicious lefse is always a sell-out! *Photo by Al Hofstetter*



From the Council President

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I came home one day last week and in the mail was a letter. An actual hand-written letter! I quickly opened it and started reading. See, the letter was from my prayer partner who is now 19 and is going through basic training for the Air Force. I had sent him a letter as soon as I had an address, knowing how difficult basic training is, and how little things like a letter from someone who cares can inspire them to keep pushing.

He wrote how in "Zero Week" he was a wreck! On Sunday he was able to find an on-base worship service, and as he worshipped, realized that with God's help he was going to be able to make it. He has been back to worship every week!

Like so many, my PP had drifted from worship and our

community of faith. I reached out to offer support and obviously he had found his way into a worship service before my letter got to him, but I wonder if it was all those letters I wrote years before and most certainly the work of the spirit in him that helped him reconnect with his faith and realize . . .

"I wouldn't make it without God".

I encourage all who have a confirmation Prayer Partner to keep writing. Be passionate and know you do make a difference!

2 Corinthians 9:6 . . .

"whoever sows generously will also reap generously."

I sowed some letters and have reaped by knowing God is working in this young man's life.

Praise be to God!

■ *Kevin Eggers*

COUNCIL OFFICERS

2018-2019

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- Rep. Property*—Peter Leick

High School Small Group



Hello High schoolers! You are invited to join Pastor Kari on Wednesday mornings, 7 am at the Briar House for small group fun, learning and discussion. Meeting at the coffee house is a great casual environment to enjoy meeting with Christian friends.

The first time you come to the group your cup of coffee is on Pastor Kari!

For more information, call Pastor Kari at 715-437-0770.

Cross+Gen Event

Wednesday, November 14



The night starts with worship at 5:30pm. Scripture, Skits, Music, will help us talk about our theme: Gratitude. A fun way to build our "Faith Web" and make connections with people of ALL AGES. Please contact Pastor Kari with any questions: 715.437.0770

Building Improvement Projects



A group of 12 got together on the cold, drizzly morning of October 6 to dig up the stone along the side of the building, lay plastic sheeting and a protective layer and re-spread the stone to help correct the lower level leaks.

Thank you Jim Buss, Dave Brinkman, Rick Molinski, Larry Petersen, Jim Hohman, Larry Kleinschmidt, Gary Peterson, Tracy Kitzman, Fred Voss, Rich Voss, Eric Voss and Guy Han-



sen for pitching in with this project! So far so good!

One of the next projects the Board of Property is hoping to get done is to add acoustical tiles to the gym ceiling to help reduce the excess echo and noise. A total of \$3,000 has been raised for the acoustical tiles but we are still looking for donations to get the sound proofing done in our gym.

■ *The Board of Property*

High School Trip for Grades 8-12

HOUSEBOAT

July 14—19, 2019

In the stillness and beauty of God's creation, Trinity youth (*current grades 8-12*) will experience Christian Community while on a unique faith adventure on a houseboat on Rainy Lake in Voyageurs National Park.

Hosted by Pathways Lutheran Outdoor Ministries, we will experience the Adventure Course (High & Low Ropes), Bible Parties, Games and a lot of fun!

Getting away from our



schedules, and every day pressures we will connect with God and one another during this week of worship, swimming, fishing, hiking and building one another up in love.

Space is limited!

Sign up with your \$250 deposit by February 15.
(scholarships available so don't let money keep you away!) Questions?

Call Pastor Kari @
715.437.0770



The "Giving Tree" is going up on November 14th with name tags on it.

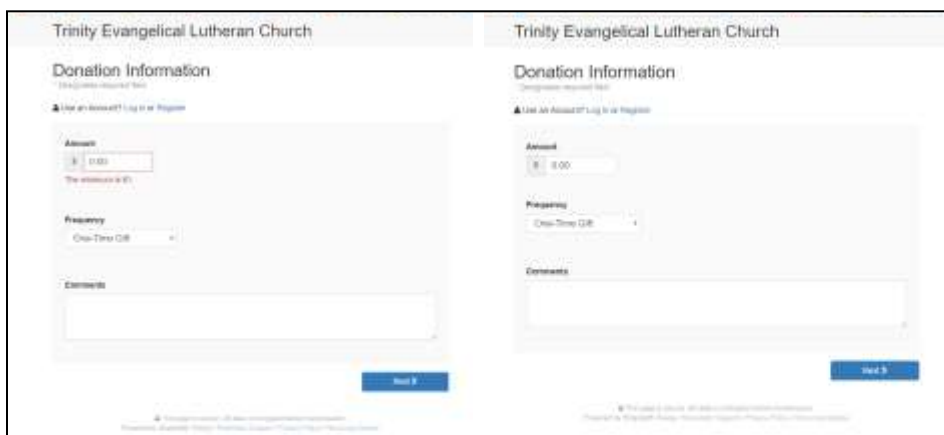
For you early Christmas shoppers, here's your opportunity to make a difference to those in our community who might not receive a gift this holiday season.

Share your blessings and pick a tag off our tree. Gifts need to be returned by mid-December. More information to follow.

The Board of Witness



New Options For Financial Gifts



Over the past several years our congregation has been developing new options to receive financial contributions and gifts. We now offer a couple of electronic options that you can use.

ShareFaith is an online giving tool that is part of our church website. This allows you to make either a one-time donation or a repeating donation schedule. The choice is yours and you are the administrator of your account. ShareFaith accepts credit cards as well as the traditional savings/ checking account withdrawals. See the pictures above for how this online tool looks or go to our website to check it out at:

www.cometotrinity.com

Simply Giving is managed through the church office and is a program affiliated with Thrivent for Lutherans. You enroll in Simply Giving by filling out a form that allows you to choose between weekly, semi-monthly and monthly giving. The Form for Simply Giving is located on the IOC table, on our website or at the church office.

You can contact our church Treasurer — Marina Benoy in the office for further assistance at 715-362-4258 or by email:

mbenoy@cometotrinity.com



Christmas Decorating

The board of worship will be decorating the sanctuary for Christmas on Saturday, December 1 at 9 am. Anyone interested in helping, please come!

Poinsettia Orders

The poinsettia order form for Christmas flowers can be found at the IOC table.



QUAKE

January 18-20, 2019
Wilderness Territory Resort,
Wisconsin Dells

DIVERGE



A transformational weekend for grades 6-10 where lives and faith will be renewed.

Register by November 10: \$250
Register by December 8: \$275

Cost includes most of the food, transportation, program with concert, waterpark and hotel. Scholarships are available as needed.

Here's how: Bring a check payable to "Trinity" memo line: Quake

For more information contact
Pastor Kari at 715-437-0770

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

Trinity Lutheran's Cross+Gen
Christmas Program
Wednesday, December 12 @ 5:30pm



Practice Schedule Beginning Nov. 7:

Children's Choir (4K-3rd Grade): Sundays @ 8:30am &/or
Wednesdays @ 6:10pm

God's Team (3rd grade & up): Wednesdays @ 4:00pm
(God's Team is a movement group)

Puppets (4th grade & up): Wednesdays @ 6:10pm

Readers & Characters: Wednesdays, November 28 *(Character/*
Reader parts are given out on October 17) & December 5th @ 6:10 pm

Requests/Questions? Contact Pastor Kari @ 715.437.0770



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newsletter Deadline

The Newsletter deadline is the *15th of each month*. Please email submissions to the office email: tlcsecretary@cometotrinity.com or drop them off in the church office. Office hours are Monday-Friday from 8:00 am-Noon.

Food Pantry Milk Collection

On the 2nd Sunday of the month we collect milk for the Rhineland-er Area Food Pantry. Needed are 1/2 gallon and gallons of skim or 2% milk. Please leave your donations in the milk crates by/in the refrigerator in the kitchen at church.

NATH/Frederick Place Meals

Reminder that we still need people to help provide the evening meal for the residents at the Frederick Place homeless shelter. This for the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Information and signup sheets are available at the IOC table. Trinity is committed to this community service for the remainder of this year and hope to continue to do this with your help.

Adult Faith Formation

Join Pastor Tim on Sunday mornings from 8:30am-9:15am in the lower level Moses Room for a time of Spiritual discussion and learning. We cover a wide variety of topics which range from studying books of the Bible to basics of the Christian faith. We are always done in time for worship. No registration is needed and you can attend as your schedule allows. We will have coffee available downstairs. Please join us for a time to enrich your walk of faith.

Adult Study Groups

- Peace Circle-meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Call Virginia Randolph or Ginger Chrobak for more information.
- **Men's Bible Study**-meets Wednesday mornings at 7 am in the Fellowship Hall. Call Guy Hansen or Jim Hohman for more info.
- Shalom Circle-meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Call Ginger Chrobak for more information.
- Via De Christo Small Group -meets every Monday at 9 am in the Sarah Room. Call Karen Rietz for more info.
- New Horizons Bible Study-meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Call Judie Arneson for more info.

Calendar Is Online

The church calendar is now available on our website, www.ComeToTrinity.com

Go to the tab "Events"

And then to "Calendar." The public calendar in Outlook will come up.

Double clicking on individual events will bring up additional information including a brief description of the event, room, and contact person.

If you see any corrections needed or your group is not meeting on a certain day, please notify the office so the calendar can be up to date.

This is the best way to find the most current info!

From the Office

Former newsletter items such as the calendar, serving schedule and birthdays and anniversaries can be found online, posted on the bulletin board in the church gathering area or at the IOC table.

If you are unable to attend worship and would like copies sent to you, please contact the church office Monday-Friday from 8 am to 12 pm.

We're going to be using email more to keep you informed. **If you don't wish to receive these** emails, please let the office know by calling Pam at 715-362-4258 or tlcsecretary@cometotrinity.com

Sometimes we find our **computer programs just don't cooperate as well as we'd like them to** with each other. If you need a document that was emailed but you are unable to open, please let Pam know and she will get it mailed out to you instead.

Gift and Memorial

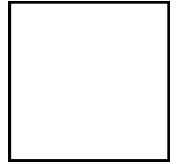
Marilyn Bradley gift to Garden Fund in memory of Rollie Richardson

Kim Alderton gift to H.S. Quilting Group in memory of Rollie Richardson

Al & Sharon Hofstetter
In memory of
Rollie Richardson

Harvey & Ellen Mathisen
in memory of
Rollie Richardson

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*Read our Newsletter on our website at
www.ComeToTrinity.com*



***Our Mission is to help
people of all ages become
active and engaged
followers of Christ.***

We are a Lutheran congregation with a variety of ages, backgrounds and passions. We are a community striving to grow in our walk of faith with Jesus Christ to love and serve the world. We are a member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (often referred to as the ELCA) in the Northern Great Lakes Synod. These relationships help us to share the saving message of the gospel in our congregation, in the Rhineland community, in our country and throughout the world. We welcome you to be part of our community and join us in the mission we share in Christ. For more information about Trinity Lutheran, to get involved in our ministries, or to learn more about becoming a member, please contact us.

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